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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of  
Two-hundred-seventy-seventh Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours 2 July 1963

Director of Central Intelligence  
John A. McCone  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. George C. Denney, Jr., Acting Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State  
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy  
Brigadier General P. D. Wynne, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB  
Mr. Sam Papich, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes

26 June Meeting  
(USIB-M-276, including Annex  
distributed through special  
channels)

a. Approved as circulated.

b. Regarding item 6 (NIE 4-63, "Likelihood and Consequences of a Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Systems"), the AEC member noted that USIB had not dealt with the problem of release to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, the Board approved release to the Joint Committee.

2. Joint Staff Representation on  
the United States Intelligence  
Board

The DCI read a memorandum from the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, which disestablished the Intelligence Directorate, The Joint Staff, and transferred present J-2 functions, including representation on USIB and its committees, to the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, effective 1 July 1963.

3. Request for SNIE on  
Haiti

The Chairman referred to a memorandum from DIA which, on behalf of the Joint Staff, requested USIB to develop, as a matter of priority, a SNIE on the situation and prospects in Haiti. The Chairman noted that the writing of a SNIE on Haiti at this time posed a real problem to the Board of National Estimates. As an alternative, Mr. McCone proposed that the CIA Office of Current Intelligence prepare and circulate to USIB a memorandum on the subject which, if it was deemed necessary at a later date, could be used as an input to a subsequent SNIE to be approved by USIB. General Carroll stated that he was re-checking whether a SNIE was still desired and that the writing of such a paper by OCI would be a satisfactory interim step.

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#### 4. Watch Committee Report

The Chairman noted that the Watch Committee Report for this week would be circulated for telephone concurrence on 3 July.

## 5. The Soviet Atomic Energy Program

(NIE 11-2-63, distributed through RD channels)

After discussion the Board:

a. Approved NIE 11-2-63 with typographical changes circulated at the meeting.

b. Approved the release of the Top Secret/Restricted Data version to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

c. Noted that an all-source JAEIC Working Paper on the subject would be available to USIB members.

d. Agreed that JAEIC should be authorized to act for the Board in preparing and approving the following versions of NIE 11-2-63 for release as indicated:

e. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

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6. Program of National Intelligence  
Estimates for Period 1 July to  
31 December 1963  
(Memorandum for USIB, 27 June)

After a full discussion concerning availability of updated information, White House Staff interest in advancing certain completion dates, and specific Defense Department requirements, particularly for NIE 11-8-63, the USIB approved the Program after modification of certain completion dates. \*

Restricted Session

7. USIB-D-41.14/52, 1 July

(An account of USIB action on this matter is contained in USIB-D-41.14/53, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

8. USIB-D-41.15/10, 1 July

(USIB action on this matter is contained in USIB-D-41.15/11, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

Executive Session

At 1150 the Chairman convened the Board in Executive Session, during which the following items were discussed: 25X1



\*The Program of National Intelligence Estimates, as approved by the Board, will be circulated as USIB-D-44.1/20, 2 July 1963, Final.

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10. Release of NIE 11-5-63, "Soviet  
Economic Problems", [redacted]

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11. Replacement Personnel  
for NIC

The CIA member, speaking as Chairman of the Watch Committee, urged USIB members, whose representation in the National Indications Center would require replacement this summer, to take action to get their replacements in place as soon as possible, and to submit, if desired, any nominations as a replacement for the Deputy Director of NIC.

The Chairman noted the importance of such selections in view of the high level of work being supported by the NIC.

Adjournment: 1225

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Release of "Main Trends  
in Soviet Foreign Policy"  
  
(NIE 11-63; USIB-D-17.8/53,  
27 May 1963)

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2. Post-Mortem on NIE 53-63  
"Prospects in South Vietnam"  
(Memorandum for USIB  
Representatives, 10 June 1963)

As of 28 June 1963 all USIB members had approved the post-mortem on NIE 53-63, as recommended by the Board of National Estimates in the referenced memorandum. Pursuant thereto copies of this post-mortem, as approved, will be issued as USIB-D-15.2/97.

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